

THE GRISWOLD FAMILY

"To those who have gone before - a tribute;
To those that live - a memory."

Taken from the Frontispiece in Griswold Genealogy

"The Griswold family is described as 'Men tall of stature, strong of limb, and stout of heart, men of affairs who brought to the new land a capacity for government and statesmanship.'

"The arms of Griswold are described as follows: Arg. a Fess, Gules between 2 greyhounds courant as within bordure or as a difference. These heraldic terms are defined as follows: Argent - silver, in color white, abbre. Arg. Fess a figure formed by 2 horizontal lines drawn across the shield. It is one-third of the field in width and it is always placed in the center, Gules - Red - abbre. Gu. The crest is a greyhound, passant proper. The motto - 'Fortiter et celeriter' (Strongly and quickly)

"Savage gives these different spellings of the name- Grissell, Grisill, Grisold, Greshould, Griswold." (A Narrative of the Griswold Family p 12)

"The English Griswolds were an ancient county family established at Solihull, Warwickshire, England, prior to 1400. The family had a pedigree and were entitled to a coat-of-arms.

"They were descended from a John Griswold who came from Kenilworth about the middle of the fourteenth century, married, and settled in Solihull later acquiring Langdon Hall and by Burke, the family is called Griswold of Kenilworth and Solihull.

"They were not of the nobility but belonged to the middle class landed gentry, that devout, patient, and above all, valiant race which has contributed so much to make England for centuries the foremost of nations." (A Narrative of the Griswold Family p 9)

"The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage."

- Psalms 16:6